

1. What was / has been your occupation before entering politics? A lifelong educator, Ian has worked across the country with youth and adults in outdoor environments as a guide; educator; councillor; instructor and mentor for such organizations as Katimavik; the University of New Brunswick; Project DARE; Child & Family Services Yukon; the National Outdoor Leadership School and for the past 17 years as full time faculty at the Pembroke Campus of Algonquin College as a Professor and Program Coordinator.

2. Do you live in the riding and, if so, how long has it been your home? Ian has lived in Pembroke Ontario for the past 17 years working as a full time Professor and Program Coordinator at the Pembroke Campus of Algonquin College training professional guides for the Adventure Tourism Industry.

3. What has been your main involvement with your community outside of work (volunteer activities, etc.)? Community involvement in Environmental issues has been a constant in many of the communities that Ian has lived and worked in. A founding member of the Yukon chapter of the Canadian Parks & Wilderness Society (CPAWS) Ian was also involved in a movement which eventually led to the declaration of the BC Government of the Tatshenshini Alsek Provincial Park. Ian currently sits on several "boards of directors" and/or committees focussed on sustainability and stewardship issues including the Shaw Woods Outdoor Education Center.

4. In your life what event, or book, or speech, or song or even TV show has made the biggest impression on you and your political thinking? Why? In hearing about the Green Party back in the early nineties Ian saw a natural alignment with a political party for the first time in his life. Identification with the party took another giant step forward when Elizabeth May was elected leader in 2004. Her work in Nova Scotia from the early 80's was one of the first political struggles that Ian remembers feeling strongly about. Membership in the party started in 2010. The parties "Green Vision" resonates strongly with him as a foundational document. The recently articulated "Mission Possible: The Green Climate Action Plan" represents 20 doable; concrete and realistic steps that can be initiated immediately to help win what will be one of the greatest struggles in human history.

5. What previous politician, (alive or dead, but not currently in parliament) is a role model for you? Politicians of note above and beyond Elizabeth May would include Leaster B. Pearson, Tommy Douglas and David Lewis as they collectively; in a minority government managed to legislate most of what we today consider to be our "Social Safety Net"

6. What policy in your party's platform do you think matters most to the people in your riding? Jobs, taxes and affordability are Ian's take on the question of priorities for the residents of Renfrew County. The fully costed Green Party platform addresses these key concerns in a variety of ways and demonstrates that all of these things (and more) can be accomplished within the context of a transition to a new Green Economy.

7. Recent polls suggest many Canadians are disillusioned with politics. If elected, what

would you do to address those concerns? When elected Ian is committed to transparency; consultation and availability. Having a regular presence in the riding is an important way to connect with constituents. Additionally, Ian would set up a variety of “advisory boards” comprised of subject matter experts in specific areas; forestry for example; who would advise on what the local needs of industry/communities/health care institutions/education/infrastructure etc. might be at a particular time. Small basic practises will go a long way towards building a relationship of mutual respect and trust between an elected MP and constituents. Things such as accessibility via posted regular office hours where people can book face to face appointments. Being engaged in community building projects as opposed to just showing up for funding announcements. Competing to have economic opportunities and development come to Renfrew county for example having a bio-diesel manufacturing facility here while the transition to green energy is being made. Ultimately everything we do needs to target “Jobs; taxes and affordability” as we transition to the new Green Economy.